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In re Application of: )  
TSUKASA SAKO ) Examiner: Chon R. Kim  
Application No.: 09/408,447 ) Group Art Unit: 2623  
Filed: September 29, 1999 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS AND METHOD, )  
PHOTOGRAPHING SYSTEM, )  
CONTROLLING METHOD )  
FOR THE SYSTEM, AND )  
COMPUTER-READABLE ) March 3, 2006  
MEMORY )

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) JP 6-247000
- (2) JP 6-115208
- (3) JP 9-297363

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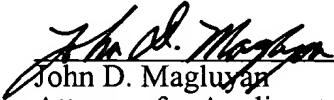
These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese Office Action corresponding to the above U.S. Application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated December 5, 2005, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

English-language abstracts accompany each of documents (1) to (3). The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language documents (1) to (3) is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English-language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

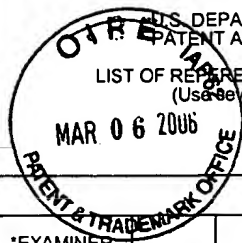
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